THE INYO LIBRARY WORKERS
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IMPORTANT!

June 30 brings us to the end of our fiscal year. All bills for the past year should be paid at the next Supervisors' meeting. Please send in your salary demand without fail. Circulation must also be sent very promptly, as the statistics for the annual reports must be gathered. Please send them July 1. Then see that your borrowers' register is up to date, returning cards to be cancelled for those who are no longer borrowers, and registering every one, including children of school age, who are using the library.

You will remember that we asked for a brief review of your latest book favorite. Miss Reynolds of Lone Pine responded to the request with a very interesting review of "The Day after Tomorrow", by Sir Philip Gibbs. Unfortunately the review sent was too long to include in full, and we are giving you the chief points, asking the Inyo Independent to publish the entire review. Miss Reynolds writes:

"The subject of the book is the effect of the discoveries of science upon man - whether for good or evil. It covers the recent developments in the scientific world, carrying throughout the suggestion that man is not developing morally, altruistically or spiritually in keeping with the advancement in science, and therefore is not capable of using the power put into his hands constructively. The author opens up interesting and startling future vistas both on the side of good and on the side of evil.

"Our attention is drawn to the search for energy, to Madame Curie's discovery of radium which set all scientists searching for some way of releasing the energy stored up and given out by radio-active substances. This search seems to be taking us into the mysteries of eternal forces.

"Next, attention is called to the discoveries in communication, the wireless, the radio and television, seeing and hearing events as they are happening, thousands of miles away, so that newspapers are becoming stale. Also something of the future of thought vibrations is given, as to the possibility of storing them up, recording them, and setting them in motion again. Thoughts that have lain silent for thousands of years may be set in motion; some emotional experience, some personality, some scene, may be visible to us across the ages. Philip Gibbs asks, Could we hear again Christ's Sermon on the Mount, should we, after our first emotion, pay any more attention to its precepts?

"Mankind is being given new and terrific instruments, yet man remains with all his frailties, neither rising in intelligence at the rate of his opportunities, nor developing any new moral sense which will save him from the evil use of these powers. In his last chapter, Gibbs says he believes that the world can only be saved from this chaos of greed, selfishness,

distrust, hate, fear, by getting back to the Christian ideal and law of life. Intellect is not enough. There must be a triumph of man's spiritual nature, of what the CHristian religion calls Love."

- Nellie E. Reynolds

Will some of the rest of the custodians briefly review a pet book for the next number?

Have you planned your vacation? Miss Powers intends to visit her people in their new home in Oregon, to which they moved the past winter. Miss Margrave is looking for the laziest possible kind. Mrs. Best wants to go to a real city and play a little.

Books came in from the schools with a grand rush, from which we are just recovering. School children to the number of fifty-three had read and reported on eight or more books - some as many as twenty-four - entitling them to the library's reading certificate. Are any of your young patrons reading for the vacation certificate? This is given for fifteen books reported on, but the books may be of their own choice as long as they are in the library's juvenile collection, or suitable books from our adult shelves.

Completion of club studies have released for general use some excellent books on parents' problems and child study, and some travel books on South America. We have also added this year some most interesting books on the California pioneers.

We have a new reference book called "Living Authors", composed of biographical sketches of the authors too recent to be found in the encyclopedias. We have not yet used it enough to know how inclusive it is, but it is very new and up to date. If you wish information on authors, ask us for it; - for the information, not for the book, which we will need to keep here at the central office.